

you must look to your elected Congress. And I would hope that citizens groups that have had a great interest in the Sawtooth natural recreation area as well as, I might say, the Wild Rivers bill, and other important conservation measures, will go to work expressing that citizen's interest through their Congress, so that we can get some responsive action in the House of Representatives.

Mr. KIMBALL. We certainly plan to do that, Senator Church.

Senator BIBLE. Senator Jordan.

Senator JORDAN. No questions.

Senator BIBLE. Thank you very much, gentlemen. Your testimony is very helpful. And we will do our best to move forward on this bill without delay.

Our next witness is Mr. Ken Pomeroy, chief forester of the American Forestry Association.

**STATEMENT OF KENNETH B. POMEROY, CHIEF FORESTER,
AMERICAN FORESTRY ASSOCIATION**

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am Kenneth B. Pomeroy, chief forester of the American Forestry Association.

The Sawtooth Mountains of Idaho hold a special attraction for members of the American Forestry Association. One officer of the association was born in that area. Another director has climbed every major peak. Other officials have visited the area from time to time. The association also has conducted several of its trail riders of the wilderness expeditions into the most remote mountain valleys.

And I would like to say that we have discontinued that activity, because we consider these valleys to be too fragile for our type of activity. We have horseback expeditions, and there isn't enough foliage to take 30 or 40 head of horses into some of these remote areas.

All of our people urge that the Sawtooth Mountains be designated as a national recreation area.

Mr. Chairman, it is a pleasure to come before you on a subject that we are wholeheartedly for.

Senator BIBLE. We are delighted to have your endorsement. It is always of value to have additional recreation.

Thank you, Mr. Pomeroy.

Senator Church?

Senator CHURCH. I endorse your statement.

Senator BIBLE. Senator Jordan.

Senator JORDAN. I endorse it also.

Senator BIBLE. Thank you, Mr. Pomeroy.

Our next witness is Dr. Edward C. Crafts, Director of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Department of the Interior.

**STATEMENT OF EDWARD C. CRAFTS, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF
OUTDOOR RECREATION, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

Mr. CRAFTS. Senator Bible, Senator Jordan, and Senator Church, I do not have a prepared statement. My remarks will be very brief.

You do have before you the report of the Department of the Interior on this bill. The facts in the case have been presented. The evidence has been given to support the character of this area by previous